

**BEST AVAILABLE COPY****Amendments to the Specification:**

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 4, line <sup>9</sup>17 as follows:

FIGS. 6A-6B show the steps for binding and unbinding documents utilizing the paper fastener of FIGS. 5A and 5B; and

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 1 as follows:

FIG. 7B is a perspective view of an improved fastening arrangement in accordance with a third embodiment of the present invention showing outer prongs and the inner prongs engaged, + and

Please remove the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 3 as follows:

~~FIG. 8 shows the steps for binding and unbinding documents utilizing the paper fastener of FIGS. 7A and 7B.~~

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 16, line 17 as follows:

~~Referring to FIG. 8, the~~ The steps for binding and unbinding documents utilizing the fastening arrangement of FIGS. 7A and 7B ~~is described. The process~~ begins at step 1 with stacking documents with binding holes aligned to form a stack A. Once aligned, the holes passing through stack A form a passageway for receiving outer prongs 77. Next, in step 2, stack A is guided over fastener 78 by fitting the holes around outer prongs 77. Once prongs 77 have completely engaged each document of stack A, extending therethrough, outer prongs 77

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